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Seeking Proposals for NCLA SELA Joint Conference

The North Carolina Library Association is seeking proposals for the 64th NCLA Biennial Conference, a joint conference with SELA (Southeastern Library Association), from October 18-22, 2021. Proposals should address some aspect of this year's conference theme, "S.E.E. the Future: Support. Empower. Educate."

At this time, proposals are being accepted for Pre-Conference Workshops, Paired Presentations, Presentations, and Panel Discussions (more information on each format is available in the CFP.) Proposals for virtual presentations that represent all aspects of library work (including technical services, access services, interlibrary loan, reference, instruction, library administration, technology, youth services, and more) and all library workers (including library students, paraprofessionals, and members of underrepresented groups) are encouraged.

All conference presentations will be virtual, with options for both pre-recorded and live sessions. Visit the [conference website](#) to read the full Call for Proposals and submit a proposal.

The deadline to submit a proposal is April 16, 2021.

For questions contact Kate Engelbrecht at kengelbrecht@cmlibrary.org, 704-416-0101 (public), or 704-416-0134 (desk).

The Public Library Section Needs Your Help

The chair and chair-elect of SELA's Public Library Section would like to ask for your help. If your library does something special as a part of your Summer Reading Program, or you have an innovative program, they would like to know about the program. Please send section leadership the title of the program, a brief description of the program, and a contact person. Section leadership want to highlight the important things that SELA public library members are doing in their libraries. This information will be used to create articles for the *SELn*'s SPOTLIGHT column.

Section leadership also wants to hear from its members. Please let them know what you would like to see from the section. What could the section do to make SELA membership appealing to you and your other public library colleagues?

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NEWS FROM THE STATES



KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION The KLA/SLA Joint Spring 2021 Conference

The theme for this virtual conference is "Libraries in Action: Promoting Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Our Communities." The conference will be held April 22-23. [Program submissions](#) are due Friday, February 28.

The Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) Spring 2021 Conference

The theme for this virtual conference is "A Common Ground, A Common Good: Reboot." The conference will be held March 24-26.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Patrick Dollar and Scott Hinshaw Receive Archivist Certification

Patrick Dollar and Scott Hinshaw recently received their Digital Archives Specialist (DAS) Certificate from the Society of American Archivists (SAA). Founded in 1936, the SAA is North America's oldest and largest national professional association dedicated to the needs and interests of archives and archivists. The SAA represents more than 6,200 professional archivists employed by

governments, universities, businesses, libraries, and historical organizations nationally.

"The University Libraries is proud to invest in professional development opportunities for our staff members in order to stay up-to-date on their skills and talents that ultimately benefit the end user with a higher quality of product or service," said UNC Greensboro's University Libraries' Interim Dean and Associate Professor Mike Crumpton.

"The courses and programming were really great and I've learned so much from this program," said Hinshaw. "I think it's a great way for Archivists to gain new skills and knowledge about our constantly evolving profession."

Hinshaw, a two-time alumnus, graduated from UNCG with dual majors in Ancient Greek and Latin Languages and Historical Archaeology and began working at the University Libraries in 1999. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree, Hinshaw obtained his master of arts degree in American History with an Historical Preservation Certificate from UNCG.

"I am the systems administrator for our Born Digital Records Management system and working with digital records is a major component of my job," said Dollar. "The DAS Certificate has helped me learn more about best practices surrounding the preservation of born digital records and has been extremely valuable to supporting my position's duties."

Dollar joined University Libraries in 2017 and received his bachelor of arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill with dual degrees in Journalism and English. He obtained his master of arts degree in English from UNCG and also holds a master's degree in Library Science from UNC-Chapel Hill.



Patrick Dollar



Scott Hinshaw



CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Hires New CEO and Chief Librarian



Marcellus Turner

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library has hired nationally recognized library leader Marcellus “MT” Turner as its next Chief Executive Officer and Chief Librarian after an extensive national search, effective April 1, 2021. Turner comes to the Library with more than 30 years of library experience, most recently serving as the Executive Director and Chief Librarian at The Seattle Public Library (SPL) in Seattle, Wash.

“Marcellus Turner is an exceptional leader whose experience and visionary approach make him the ideal person to lead the development and direction of Charlotte Mecklenburg Library,” said Joe Helweg, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board of Trustees Chair and head of the search committee. “A respected voice in the national conversation about the future of libraries, MT will be a strategic local leader for our region with his thought leadership on how urban libraries can become more socially conscious and more impactful in helping to solve the challenges facing our communities today.”

Turner’s three decades of experience includes 10 years at SPL, where he led and managed a system of 27 libraries, including the world-renowned and iconic Central Library, a staff of 679 and more than 500 volunteers. He brings comprehensive experience at every level of system, pro-

gram and community engagement management of public libraries. Turner is also a highly regarded speaker and guest lecturer, sharing his views and vision on the future of libraries at local, state, national and international library conferences and universities. Turner earned his master’s degree in library science from the University of Tennessee and a bachelor’s degree from Mississippi University for Women.

“I am excited about joining Charlotte Mecklenburg Library at such an important time in its growth and role as a community resource,” Turner said. “There is a tremendous opportunity to better understand and serve the evolving needs of Charlotte Mecklenburg, and I am committed to ensuring the Library supports, enhances and empowers the changing ways our residents live, learn and engage.”

In addition to leading the Library’s essential mission, Turner will assume responsibilities for several important initiatives at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: activating the Blueprint 2025 Vision Plan; advancing the Library’s commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion; and, supporting the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation’s continued fundraising while working with County leadership, architects and builders, to realize the completion of the new \$100 million, 115,000-square-foot Main Library. The new Main Library is poised to become a major destination in Uptown Charlotte, designed to be an architecturally distinctive, state-of-the-art, technologically advanced knowledge center, welcoming everyone in the community to access the resources of a 21st century library.

Turner will officially become Charlotte Mecklenburg Library’s CEO and Chief Librarian on April 1, 2021 following the retirement of Lee Keesler, who has led the library since 2012 and served as the 117-year-old public library system’s first CEO. Coleman, Lew, Canny, Bowen led the national search, along with a diverse search committee made up of members of the Board of Trustees, Library Foundation Board and County Leaders.

“The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Marcellus Turner, and we are thrilled to have him join Charlotte Mecklenburg Library,” Helweg said. “MT’s accomplished career in governing library systems and his vision for the future of libraries ensures Charlotte

Mecklenburg Library will continue to be an engaged, dynamic and invaluable resource for our entire community."

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA **The Spring 2021 Baker Diversity** **Lecture Series**

The College of Information and Communications at USC presents the Spring 2021 Baker Diversity Lecture Series. The series is part of the Augusta Baker EDI programming at USC that honors [Augusta Braxton Baker](#), "the first African American Coordinator of Children's Services with in the NY Public Library system."

All are welcome to attend and learn from some of the best EDI voices in the profession. The series began on January 21, 2021 and runs through April 15, 2021.

For upcoming lectures a registration link to attend the live lecture is available. All lectures are recorded and made available via the lecture series website along with suggested readings from the lecturer.



VIRGINIA TECH **Design Meets Beauty in the New Virtual** **Sculpture Garden**



Rolling hills dotted with illuminated Virginia dogwoods and a towering archway set the scene for the University Libraries' new Virtual Sculpture Garden. Funded by an Institute for Cre-

ativity, Arts, and Technology (ICAT) rapid response grant and in collaboration with the Moss Arts Center, the Virtual Sculpture Garden takes viewers to a place where beauty and design come together to keep the arts community connected during a time of physical distancing.

Principle Investigator and University Libraries' Creative Services Coordinator Trevor Finney envisioned this oasis for the last few years. Before coming to Virginia Tech, Finney worked as a 3D modeler for virtual world companies and has relied heavily on the design skills honed during his time in the University Libraries to inform the design of the Virtual Sculpture Garden environment.

"Working on the library communications team has offered me insights into how I can craft critical messaging that surrounds the project and will help in the coming months as we begin our broader outreach efforts," said Finney. "I am fortunate to be working in a place with the people and the resources necessary to bring an idea like this to fruition."

The Virtual Sculpture Garden was created by four faculty members, two student workers, and a graduate assistant: Trevor Finney, creative services coordinator and principal investigator, University Libraries; Jonathan Bradley, head studios and innovative technologies, University Libraries; Renee Alarid, associate director creative services, Moss Arts Center; Alice Rogers, manager media design studios, University Libraries; Giang Vu Binh Nguyen, studio student fellow, University Libraries; Dylan Craft, studio student fellow, University Libraries; and Alex Krasner, Virtual Environments Studio graduate student, University Libraries.

Visitors can access the garden through a web browser or virtual reality (VR) headset and explore its digital 3D artworks. The stylized landscape pulls inspiration from Virginia and features trees and plants native to the area. Visitors take a stroll along a self-guided landscape through nature while gaining insight into the works of art and the artists behind them.

VIRGINIA TECH **Grant Awarded to University Libraries** **to Study Curation of Interdisciplinary** **Data and Collaborative Research**



University Libraries Assistant Dean and Director of Data Services, Andi Ogier (left) and Jonathan Petters, data management consultant and curation service coordinator (right)

University Libraries in collaboration with libraries at Indiana University and the University of Colorado Boulder have been awarded a 2-year, \$378,046 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant under the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program. Together these university libraries will address the challenge of curating data produced during interdisciplinary and highly collaborative research.

Leading the project for University Libraries is Co-Investigator Jonathan Petters, data management consultant and curation service coordinator, and Andrea Ogier, assistant dean and director of data services. From Indiana University, the Principle Investigator, Inna Kouper, is an assistant scientist at the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering.

The project will engage with nine diverse interdisciplinary research groups through assessing their current data practices, producing data analysis and curation workflows, implementing these workflows, and engaging graduate students and professional experts to collaboratively evaluate the effectiveness of the project in assessing the best way to curate research data in interdisciplinary research projects.

University Libraries' experts in data and curation are ready to help Virginia Tech researchers make their research data accessible. This includes publishing their data in University Libraries' research data repository, a platform for highlighting, preserving, and providing access to work generated by the Virginia Tech community.

VIRGINIA TECH

Tyler Walters elected to Association of Research Libraries Board of Directors



Tyler Walters

University Libraries at Virginia Tech Dean Tyler Walters was elected to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) 2020-21 Board of Directors during its Fall 2020 Association Meeting. While on the eight-member Board of Directors, Walters joins research library deans from the University of Delaware, University of Louisville, Temple University, University of Colorado Boulder, The University of British Columbia, Northwestern University, and UCLA in guiding, advising, and leading the organization with ARL's executive director and staff.

"While it's a recognition of one's record of leadership and honor to serve," said Walters, "it's primarily a working appointment where one applies both tactical and strategic actions for the betterment of the member research libraries and the association itself."

Founded in 1932, ARL is a nonprofit organization of 125 research libraries in Canada and the U.S. whose mission is to advance research, learning, and scholarly communication. ARL is a leadership organization that has concentrated on change issues related to organizational transformation, public policy, and inclusion, diversity, and equity. Virginia Tech has been a member of ARL since 1976.

Walters brings his experiences and leadership surrounding data and information policy to ARL's public policy work. Throughout his professional career, he has served on working groups, organization boards, and committees dedicated to promoting and creating open technologies, and making research, data, and other scholarly outputs available to the public.

His latest endeavor, leading the merger of international nonprofits DuraSpace and LYRASIS, continued his professional influence in the areas of open data, open source software, and open scholarship to benefit future advances in the sciences and humanities.

“Being based in Washington, D.C., an important part of ARL’s portfolio is to influence public policy on matters related to data and information,” said Walters. “I have worked with agencies such as the National Science Foundation and the Department of Commerce National Technical Information Service as well as the Association of American Universities and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. These experiences will help ARL contribute to these policy discussions and their outcomes.”

VIRGINIA TECH **Open-sourcing learning resources in** **Management Department**

A college education is no longer a luxury for the privileged few, rather, it is a necessary instrument for economic opportunity and mobility. The COVID-19 pandemic has worked to increase economic disparity throughout the country, potentially pushing a college education out of reach of many students.

However, members of the Management Department have coordinated with Anita Walz, assistant director of Open Education and Scholarly Communication librarian, to make a management degree more affordable. And they’ve done so, recently releasing Virginia Tech’s adaptation of “Strategic Management” as an open textbook.

“Strategic Management” is a 343-page textbook designed to introduce key topics and themes of strategic management to undergraduate students in a required senior capstone course, MGT 4394 Strategic Management.

The project was made possible with support from the Pamplin College of Business and the Open Education Initiative at the University Libraries. “The Open Education Initiative offers assistance and grants to faculty,” explained Walz. “Be it technological assistance, platform assistance, and/or editorial services.”

VIRGINIA TECH **Virginia Tech Publishing partners with in-**

ternational association to publish engi- **neering open textbook**

In February 2021, The University Libraries’ Virginia Tech Publishing and the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) will publish “Introduction to Biosystems Engineering,” an open textbook for university-level introductory courses in biosystems engineering.

Written by an international team of authors, this is the first open textbook published as part of the University Libraries’ membership in the Open Education Network Publishing Cooperative. It also marks the first time that Virginia Tech Publishing has partnered with an international professional association to publish an open textbook.

For many college students, the cost of textbooks can be an insurmountable challenge. Thanks to the open textbook movement, which focuses on the creation and use of books that are openly licensed, free, and editable, students are increasingly able to obtain high-quality educational resources at no cost. The University Libraries at Virginia Tech is committed to the open education movement and is engaged in creating and promoting open textbooks and other open educational resources with Virginia Tech faculty authors. Since 2016, the library and Virginia Tech Publishing have published 10 open textbooks.

“Introduction to Biosystems Engineering” is released under a Creative Commons Attribution license (CC BY) and is available both in print and online. The online version is freely downloadable either as a complete work or as stand-alone chapters. In addition, a parallel resource in development, The Biosystems Engineering Digital Library (BEDL), will provide more teaching and learning resources instructors can use in the classroom.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE ABOUT **YOUR LIBRARY OR STATE?** **SEND IT TO US!**

The deadline to submit news items for the Spring issue of the *SELn* is April 1, 2021. Please send all news items to the Editor, Ashley S. Dees, at aesorey@olemiss.edu.



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